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Docket established for USPS Fall Sale of First-Class Mail Proposal

Washington, DC – The Postal Regulatory Commission today issued <u>Order no. 276</u> establishing <u>Docket R2009-5</u> to receive comments on a First-Class Mail Incentive Program filed by the U.S. Postal Service.

Under the Postal Service's Program, eligible companies could earn 20 percent rebates on incremental volumes of First-Class Mail presort letters, flats and cards mailed between October 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009. To be eligible to participate in the program, a company must have mailed 500,000 or more non-parcel First-Class mail pieces between October 1 and December 31 in both 2007 and 2008.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments via the Commission's web site, www.prc.com, by August 31, 2009. The comment period allows the public to address the consistency of the new rates with statutory requirements. Within 14 days of the conclusion of the public comment period, the Commission will determine whether the planned rate adjustments are lawful and issue an order announcing its findings. The Commission will issue its determination in this proceeding by September 14, 2009.

A public representative has been appointed to represent the interest of the public in this proceeding.

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The Postal Regulatory Commission is an independent federal agency comprised of five Presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed Commissioners, each serving terms of six years. The Chairman is designated by the President. In addition to Chairman Ruth Goldway, the other Commissioners are Vice Chairman Nanci Langley, Dan Blair, Tony Hammond, and Mark Acton.